



Friday 11th January 2019

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher: Christopher Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to what has already been a very busy first week at school. This week Senior Leaders have held the termly review of pupil progress across all classes and I am pleased to see that so many children are doing well. While this is encouraging we continue to rely on support from parents to ensure we are able to offer the best provision we can for all our children to flourish.

There are a number of parent workshops taking place over the next few weeks and we would encourage parents to attend as many as are relevant to the age group of their child. On Class Dojo last week I asked parents to make joining in with school activities as part of their New Year Resolutions as it is shown that many children will do so much better in their learning when parents are engaged with their school.

As a school we use many different forms of communication, overleaf is a reminder of the different ways in which we communicate with parents. Please sign up and join us in our quest to make sure parents are fully informed with everything they need surrounding your child's school and learning.

Also remember to look at your child's class page on the school website to see the many activities and curriculum topic maps for this term.

Now that the weather has started to turn much colder we will rely on parents linking with our different method of communication so they are fully aware of the actions the school will take in more extreme weather situations.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

January 2019

Mon 14th

Boogie Bounce Y4, Y5 & Y6

Tues 15th

YR Superhero dress up day

Thurs 17th

Y5 Hockey coaching –
week 1 please ensure your child has their PE kit in school

Wed 23rd

YR Fun Day at the Marsh Academy 1-3pm

Thurs 24th

Y5 Hockey coaching –
week 2 please ensure your child has their PE kit in school

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Teaching Times Tables

Suitable for ALL parents
Y2 upwards

Friday 18th Jan 2:30pm

The Phonics Screen

Suitable for Y1 parents.

**Monday 21st Jan
2:30pm**

SEE YOU THERE!

Cashless Payments

From 1st January 2019 the School Office is no longer able to accept cash payments to purchase school items or pay for trips. All payments in future will have to be made via ParentMail.

Parent Information Sessions

Teaching Times Tables Suitable for ALL parents Y2 to Y4, Friday 18th Jan 2:30pm



The Phonics Screen – **Suitable for Y1 parents, Monday 21st Jan 2:30pm**

We look forward to seeing many of you at these events
Thank you

PARENT MAIL – Please register

The school uses PMX ParentMail to keep parents up to date with coming events or news from the school. If you are one of the 2% that haven't yet registered for ParentMail please speak to Hayley or Clair in the School Office.

Once you're registered you can manage your ParentMail account online by logging in to the ParentMail system.

You can also view all previously sent emails and consent forms. ParentMail also offers a method of payment to the school. You can pay for school trips and other events using this system which is also referred to as +Pay.



You might find [ParentMail's help pages](#) useful too.

CLASS DOJO – Please register



As a school we have had set up for some time now Class Dojo accounts for each class. Those families who have not already done so, will over the coming days receive a letter detailing how to download, join and set up your Class Dojo account.

Class Dojo is a behaviour system we use in school where each child has a monster avatar that earns 'monster points' for positive behaviours and children's work in school.

I hope that you will have now joined and connected with your child's monster in school on your devices at home. This means you will receive notifications every time your child receives a monster point. You will also be able to see 'class stories' from time to time where the teacher will post a little information about what the children have been doing in a particular lesson or perhaps what is happening at school.

We hope that you find Class Dojo to be a convenient and exciting way of being made aware of how your child is getting on in school.

TWITTER – Please sign up and follow us

Our Twitter feed is now being followed by 383 people (as of January 2019!) We have gained many new followers in the last couple of months alone and we are now aiming to have 500 followers by the end of the school year.



If you don't yet follow us then why not download the app and follow us **@St_Nicholas_CEP**

In recent weeks you have missed news on the KS1 Nativity...Headteacher Award winners...Schools Sporting success...News on our Reverse Advent and competition winner details to name but a few! Will you be our 500th follower this year?